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Where in the passage does Paul talk about unbelievers? What does he say?

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- "Cessationist" churches say that speaking in tongues was a sign for the early church that is not needed and therefore not given wherever there's a Bible.
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